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SUBJ: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: DPRK-BELGIAN MISSION

CONVERSATION

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1. BELGIAN MISSION COUNSELLOR BARON NOTHOMB CALLED ON MISOFF
19 JULY TO REPORT ON A CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH THE DPRK
OBSERVER'S OFFICE. NOTHOMB SAID HE HAD REPORTED ON THE DISCUSSION
DURING THE 13 JULY CORE GROUP MEETING AT A MOMENT WHEN USUN
PERSONNEL WERE TEMPORARILY ABSENT; ROK MINISTER AHN, WHO WAS
PRESIDING, HAD DISMISSED THE DPRK EFFORT AS PROPAGANDA, AND
NOTHING MORE HAD BEEN SAID. NOTCOMB SAID THAT, IN REVIEW, THE
BELGIAN MISSION HAD WANTED TO BE SURE WE WERE AWARE OF THE
APPROACH.

2. ON 2 JULY TWO DPRK OBSERVER OFFICERS (EACH NAMED KIM,
BUT NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD ASKED TO SEE THE BELGIAN CHARGE.
THEY WERE INSTEAD RECEIVED BY NOTCOMB TO WHOM THEY TALKED FOR AN
HOUR. THEY FIRST ADDRESSED THE SITUATION IN KOREA FOR SOME
THIRTY MINUTES IN WHICH THEY ATTACKED US AND ROK ACTIONS;
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THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THIS, NOTHOMB COMMENTED. THEY THEN

DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE ANXIETY AS TO US INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE 31ST GA. DID THE US INTEND TO INTRODUCE A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND, IF SO, WHEN AND WHAT WOULD ITS CONTENTS BE? THEY DID NOT ASK ANYTHING OF BELGIAN, ROK OR FRIENDLY INTENTIONS. NOR DID THEY RESPOND TO NOTHOMB'S QUESTION AS TO WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND FOR THE GA. THEY THEN ADDRESSED THE SECRETARY'S 22 SEPTEMBER PROPOSAL, SAYING THEY HAD TOTALLY REJECTED IT AND CONTINUED TO REJECT IT. THEY SAID THAT AT THE END OF 1975 SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TOLD JAPANESE OFFICIALS THAT HIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN A FAILURE, A RECOGNITION WHICH THE DPRK APPLAUDED. FINALLY, THEY VIGOROUSLY DENOUNCED THE JAPANESE DESIRE TO BRING THE TWO KOREAN SIDES TOGETHER AT THE UN; THEY REGARDED THE PROPOSAL SIMULTANEOUSLY TO ADMIT THE TWO SIDES TO MEMBERSHIP AS RUINING FOREVER ANY HOPE OF REUNIFICATION, AND THEY WOULD ALWAYS OPPOSE IT.

3. NOTHOMB HAD ASKED WHETHER THE DPRK REALLY BELIEVED THAT THE UN WAS AN APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DISCUSS THE KOREAN QUESTION. THEY HAD SAID NO; IT WAS A KOREAN PROBLEM THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY KOREANS ONLY. BUT SINCE THE UNC WAS CREATED BY THE UN, ITS DISSOLUTION MUST BE DISCUSSED AND DIRECTED BY THE UN; IT COULD NOT BE DONE ELSEWHERE. THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BRING THE KOREAN QUESTION BEFORE THE UN UNTIL THE UNC WAS ABOLISHED.

4. MISOFF THANKED NOTHOMB FOR THIS REPORT. NOTHOMB COMMENTED THAT DPRK OBSERVER MISSION OFFICERS HAVE ALSO SEEN NETHERLANDS AND COSTA RICAN MISSIONS AND HAD TRIED TO CALL ON THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION BUT HAD BEEN REFUSED.
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